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Applicant : Conrad et al.
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the office action of April 25, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please cancel all written material between "Title" and "Field of the invention" and insert the following:

B 1 The present application is a division of Application No. 09/239,860, filed January 29, 1999 which is still pending.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 22 – 30 without prejudice which are on file and insert therefor new claims 31 – 44 which are set out below:

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31. An upright vacuum cleaner comprising:
(a) a cleaning head for cleaning a surface;
(b) an upper body portion mounted on the cleaning head, the upper portion having a cyclonic cleaning unit comprising at least first and second cyclonic cleaning stages, the second cyclonic cleaning stage positioned in series with the first cyclonic cleaning stage and the cyclonic unit is removable from the vacuum cleaner.